

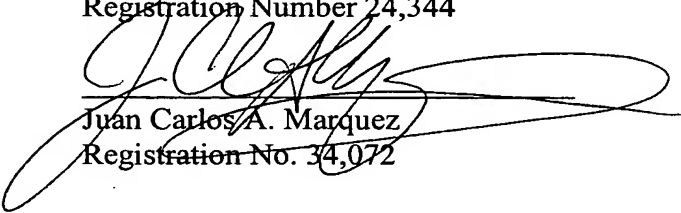
## **REMARKS**

The accompanying sequence listing in computer readable format and statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(e) and (f), along with the following remarks, are being submitted for the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences of the SEQ ID Nos. 1 and 2 referenced on page 7, last paragraph of the specification based upon the support in the priority document JP 2003-170032. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the attached sequence listing and statement, to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Substantive consideration of the claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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